



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: **KOIKE, et al.**

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FOR: **PLANE DIFFRACTION GRATING BASED ON SURFACE NORMAL
ROTATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO AN OPTICAL SYSTEM**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 2872

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 29, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 29, 2002**, extended to July 29, 2002 by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1 through 15 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A plane diffraction grating with grooves formed on a surface thereof, the plane diffraction grating being rotated about a rotational axis which is normal to the surface, and being characterized in that a profile of the grooves at a radial area is determined depending on a azimuthal position ϕ of the area about a rotational center defined as a foot of the rotational axis on the surface of the plane diffraction grating.